

In recognition of her leadership and tireless dedication to service, Tina received the 2022 Director of the Year Award from APCO. The nationwide award is given annually to a leader who exemplifies high levels of personal and professional conduct in the line of duty. I cannot think of a leader more deserving of this award than Tina, who has dedicated her life to an instrumental career in public safety.

I am honored to recognize Tina for her dedication and commitment to making our community a better place to call home. I congratulate her for receiving the APCO International 2022 Director of the Year Award, as well as an incredible career in emergency communications.

RECOGNITION OF INTERNATIONAL PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of patients across the United States and worldwide who rely upon medicines made from donated plasma. October 3–7 is International Plasma Awareness Week (IPAW), and this year, 2022 marks the 10th annual IPAW. The need for plasma donation remains ongoing coming out of the decline in donations seen during the COVID–19 pandemic and helps create lifesaving therapies to treat individuals living with rare diseases. This week, patients, plasma donors, and plasma collection centers will join together to observe IPAW via a range of events seeking to raise global awareness of the crucial need for plasma to create lifesaving therapies, recognize that plasma donors contribute greatly in saving and improving lives, and increase the understanding of the many rare diseases and plasma protein therapies that help to treat them.

Plasma-derived therapies and recombinant blood clotting factors, collectively known as plasma protein therapies, are unique biologic medicines that are either infused or injected to treat a variety of rare, life-threatening, chronic, and genetic diseases, including bleeding disorders, hereditary angioedema, immune deficiencies, pulmonary disorders, neurological disorders, and infectious diseases such as tetanus, hepatitis, and rabies. Hundreds of thousands of people in the U.S. who live with these rare diseases, and countless others facing trauma and emergency medical needs every day, rely on plasma protein therapies that are only available because of the commitment of dedicated plasma donors.

Plasma protein therapies have significantly improved the quality of life, markedly improved patient outcomes, and extended the life expectancy of men, women, and children in every community across the country. Healthy, committed donors provide the plasma essential to manufacture these lifesaving therapies. There are now over 1,000 plasma collection centers in the U.S. that have demonstrated their commitment to plasma donor and patient safety and quality by earning International Quality Plasma Program (IQPP) certification. I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me and rise in commemoration of International Plasma Awareness Week,

honoring those committed donors and collection centers who make and collect needed and lifesaving contributions.

RECOGNIZING COOPER BURDEN

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cooper Burden.

Cooper joined Pac 7 Cub Scouts in 2016 and immediately set his eyes on earning Scouting's highest rank that of Eagle Scout. At first it was playing in the woods with friends that he enjoyed but as Cooper advanced to Webelos camping, fishing and BB guns became more the attraction. Cooper earned countless service and volunteer hours over the years. Summer Camps at Camp Soule, Bourne and Sand Hill fostered friendships he will carry for a lifetime. As Cooper advanced to Arrow of Light and self-discipline leadership became a focus and a skill he embraced. This Leadership became evident in his schoolwork in Junior National Honor Society, in Scouting as he held leadership roles as Assistant Quarter Master, Quarter Master, and Patrol Leader. During his time in Troop 77 Cooper set goals for himself that included earning over 70 individual merit badges, spending over 120 nights Camping, completing BSA's First ever Virtual Camp-in during COVID lockdown and fundraising to earn his way to each summer camp he has attended. Cooper identified and completed his Eagle project in March 2022. The project came about during a conversation with his lifelong Pastor. The project consisted of pressure washing, prepping, and painting the day school at the Burden family's church; Good Shepard Lutheran Church located in Tampa, FL. Cooper organized over 25 volunteers, exceeded his fundraising goal, and completed the project days before his 14th birthday. Cooper did all this while maintaining academically all A's and the occasional B through his entire Scouting journey Elementary, Middle and High School. Cooper also has been active in intramural flag football, spent the last 11 years as a Karate Student and volunteer teaching the 3- to 6-year-old classes at Ingrams Okinawan Karate where he has studied Isshinryu karate and holds a 2nd Degree Black Belt. Cooper as a freshman at Mitchell High School is a member of the U.S. Navy JROTC, a member of the Wrestling Team. Cooper hopes to attend a Military Academy or State University, join the Armed Forces, and pursue a career in mechanical engineering focusing on automotive industries.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE JAMES J. FLORIO: LIFE AND LEGACY

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my late friend and

former governor, Jim Florio—a dedicated public servant who cared deeply for those in New Jersey and the Nation.

Governor James J. Florio was born in Brooklyn, New York on August 29, 1937. He was raised by his mother, a homemaker, and his father, an Italian American shipyard painter. Before completing high school, James Florio enlisted in the United States Navy and served for three years before his discharge in 1958. He continued to serve as a naval reservist for eighteen years, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Following his service, Governor Florio earned his high school equivalency degree from the State of New Jersey. He went on to complete an undergraduate degree from Trenton State College before earning a J.D. from Rutgers University in 1967. Prior to being elected to the New Jersey General Assembly in 1969, Governor Florio was the Assistant City Attorney for the City of Camden, New Jersey. He would serve in the General Assembly for four years, and in 1974 was elected to the House of Representatives for fifteen years before being elected Governor of New Jersey in 1989.

Governor Florio was an environmentalist long before it was popular. In Congress, Governor Florio was the prime sponsor of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, known as the Superfund Act, which was one of the most remarkable pieces of legislation which cleaned up hazardous sites across the country. It was an initiative that aimed to reduce the number of toxic dumping sites across the United States and especially in the State of New Jersey.

On January 16, 1990, Governor James Florio was inaugurated as the 49th Governor of New Jersey, becoming the first Italian American to hold the position. Governor Florio helped to craft legislation that led to the creation of the Pinelands National Reserve and signed the Clean Water Act, one of the strictest in the Nation at the time. He also oversaw legislation restricting semi-automatic assault weapons in the State of New Jersey and received the John F. Kennedy Profiles in Courage Award for his efforts in championing gun control.

After his term as Governor, he was appointed as a Professor of Public Policy and Administration at the Edward J. Blaustein School at Rutgers University, and was also a founding partner of Florio, Perrucci, Steinhart, Cappelli, Tipton & Taylor, LLC. In 2002, he was appointed Chair of the New Jersey Pinelands Commission by former Governor James McGreevey, a role he proudly held for three years before serving as Chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York's Board of Directors.

Governor James J. Florio was the beloved husband of 42 years to Lucinda (Coleman) and loving father of Christopher, Gregory, Catherine (Pipas) as well as stepfather to Mark Rowe. He also was a brother, grandfather of ten and great grandfather of two.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of myself, the State of New Jersey, and the Nation, we are grateful for his service to our state. We lost one of our greatest champions, and he will be missed by all who had the honor of knowing him. My deepest sympathies to his family and his loved ones.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO'S 150TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 150th anniversary of the University of Toledo (UT). The University of Toledo has a remarkable history within the City of Toledo and the surrounding region. Over the last one hundred and fifty years, UT has been committed to its mission of providing a world-class education to their students and preparing them to become part of a diverse community of leaders in the world.

The University of Toledo was made possible in 1872, when Jesup Wakeman Scott donated 160 acres of land as an endowment for a university to train Toledo's young people. Scott was a newspaper editor in Toledo who felt that the center of world commerce was moving west. He believed that the focus of that move would center on Toledo by 1900. On October 12, 1872, the Toledo University of Arts and Trades was incorporated. The original 160 acres donated by Scott became known as the Scott Park Campus.

Since UT's inception, the University has grown into an exceptional university providing a multitude of degree and major options as well as research opportunities in wide range of

studies. UT offers its 12,000 undergraduate students and 3,000 graduate students academic options in over 250 degree programs ranging from law and business to engineering and natural sciences. To provide a cutting-edge education for nursing and medical students, the University merged with the Medical University of Ohio in 2006. This merger made the University of Toledo one of the few universities nationwide to offer degrees in medicine, law, engineering, business, nursing, pharmacy, and education.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to the University of Toledo on this remarkable occasion. By celebrating the 150th anniversary, community members, staff, students, and alumni recognize the contribution of the University to higher education and the development of their students. Congratulations to the University of Toledo on this significant milestone.

RECOGNIZING THE NORTHWEST
RANKIN HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL
TEAM'S 6A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize the Northwest Rankin High

School baseball team players and coaches for their outstanding championship season. The Northwest Rankin Cougars displayed admirable attributes including integrity, sportsmanship, and perseverance throughout a lengthy and successful season. I would like to honor this group of committed young men, coaches, and their families who worked diligently to bring the Mississippi 6A state championship to Rankin County, Mississippi.

At Trustmark Park in Pearl, the third and final game of the 6A state championship series featured the Northwest Rankin Cougars defeating Desoto Central by a score of 3-2. This is Northwest Rankin's second state baseball championship in program history. The Cougars won 34 games with only three losses this season.

The resilience and leadership displayed by the players are characteristics of Northwest Rankin's head coach, KK Aldridge, who was named the Priority One Bank/Mississippi Scoreboard Metro Jackson Coach of the Year last season.

It is my honor to recognize the Northwest Rankin High School baseball team for inspiring countless young men and citizens across our community, and I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating the Northwest Rankin Cougars for their dedication and commitment to excellence in our nation's past time, the great sport of baseball.